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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM BG
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT; POLITICAL DETAINEES

REF: STATE 24585

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED TEXT AND MADE POINTS IN REFTEL
BY AIDE MEMOIRE TO MFA DIRECTOR FOR AMERICAS MORNING
FEBRUARY 1. REFTEL ARRIVED TOO LATE TO PERMIT
JANUARY 31 DELIVERY. DELIVERY TO DIRECTOR WAS NECESSI-
TATED AS MORE SENIOR OFFICIALS WERE ENGAGED IN ARRIVAL
OF MAURITIAN PRIME MINISTER. DIRECTOR READ REPORT AND
MADE NO COMMENT ON IT.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNSELOR SAME DAY DIRECTOR
GENERAL, NATIONAL SECURITY INTELLIGENCE (NSI) HAKIM DIS-
CUSSED POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DETAINEES. DEFINING THE
LATTER AS PERSONS WHO ARE HELD WITHOUT TRIAL HE SAID THAT
IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT LESS THAN 1500 AND
POSSIBLY AS FEW AS 1200 ARE NOW BEING HELD. HE VOLUNTEERED
TO SUPPLY SPECIFIC NUMBER WITHIN A FEW DAYS. HE ADDED
THAT HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT ZIA WOULD SOON RELEASE MORE
AND THAT HIS ORGANIZATION IS NOW INVESTIGATING RECORDS
OF THOSE WHO MIGHT BE IN NEXT BATCH. HE SAID THAT THIS
PROCESS IS USED BEFORE ALL RELEASES AND THAT IN DECEMBER
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LIST NSI HAD ADVISED PRESIDENT TO CONTINUE SEVERAL
PERSONS IN DETENTION, WHICH PRESIDENT DID.

3. HAKIM SAID THAT HE AND THE PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED
CONCERNS OF MORE DEVELOPED DEMOCRACIES ABOUT THIRD WORLD
HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS IN GENERAL AND BANGLADESH IN PARTICULAR.
DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL AND TRIALS WITHOUT ACCEPTED

PROCEDURES WERE NOT THINGS HE APPLAUDED, BUT, HE SAID,
CRITICS SHOULD IN TURN RECOGNIZE THAT INTERNAL SECURITY IS
THE SINE QUA NON OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH THE
DEMOCRACIES SUPPORT.
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